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THE SOUTHEAST.

Doings and Happenings in Neighboring Counties.

Dexter Messenger: The Democratic majority in southeast Missouri has never failed the party when in sore need. It has been the means of winning many a hard fought battle for the state ticket, and its vote is staple and reliable. It can be counted on. With this statement it naturally follows that she is entitled to some recognition at the hands of the party and she should have it. She should be allowed, however, to name her candidates and this prerogative not tampered with by the state-makers, who care nothing for our affairs further than to use us in machine-methods, that is in building a machine to control the politics of the state. One of these days, and that in the not far distant future, the people are going to call their hand.

Wayne County Sun: Squire Sam Carlton was taken sick some ten days ago very peculiarly. His left hand began itching and smarting as though bitten or stung by an insect. In a short time his arm was badly swollen clear up to his elbow and he had a high fever. The swelling continued to grow worse, extending to the body, and his family became alarmed and took him to a St. Louis hospital Monday. We learn that the arm has since going there, been lanced in several places and it is thought he may recover, though the arm may always be useless.

Southeast Missouriian: At Kennett last Tuesday Judge Fort refused the application of the Southern Illinois and Missouri Bridge Company to appoint commissioners to condemn a right of way for the western approach of the bridge in Scott county. It is understood the case will be appealed and that a mandamus will be asked of the supreme court against Judges Fort and Riley, and that the case will also be taken to the United States court.

Southeast Missouriian: The petition of the Grays Point Terrestrial railway (the Cotton Belt) against Hillman et al., wherein the railroad was seeking to condemn land at Grays Point for yard purposes, came up before Judge Riley in this city on Monday. The Cotton Belt was represented by Attorney L. W. Fisher, and the defendants by J. A. Hope, of Jackson. A change of venue was taken to Judge J. L. Fort at Dexter, Friday.

Current Local: Phil Hafner, editor of the Benton Kicker, continues to kick at the state administration and various other things. In social and political economy there is always room for "a kicker" and Phil fills the place admirably well as a usual thing. But while he remains a kicker he must not try to be a leader, as kicking and leading do not go well together.

Dunklin County Mail: "Uncle Tom" Neal was here from Hornersville yesterday. He is the first native born white citizen of this county and first saw the light of day about a mile from Hornersville sixty-eight years ago this month. His parents came here from North Carolina about three months prior to his birth. He has lived within a mile of Hornersville all his life.

Bloomfield Courier: The Scott County Kicker contains many vigorous yet true hit at machine management in Missouri and in the main they are unanswerable. We like the truth even if it pinches the toes of friends occasionally. Independence is little known these days and its utterance often has a good effect in putting an end to dishonesty by its exposure.

Southeast Missouriian: Judge Riley heard the petition of the St. L. & S. E. Ry against several land owners in Scott county last week. Frank E. Burroughs, of Cape Girardeau, appeared for the road, and R. B. Oliver represented the land owners. After hearing various motions, arguments, etc., Judge Riley appointed three commissioners to assess damages.

Dunklin County Mail: It is time for some of the prominent politicians of this state to look about a little. When such conservative, rock-ribbed papers as the Ironton Register and Farmington Times send a note of warning there is surely danger ahead. The Mail gave the alarm last year and it seems trouble clearly now.

M. & Phelan has taken charge of the Bloomfield Vindicator, and the first issue under his management shows improvement. It is clearly printed and well edited. Bro. Connelly has stepped out and evidently took the Cook Book with him.

It seems that the franchise holders and special privilege artists are beginning operations in Cape Girardeau.

THIS IS MY ANNUAL HARVEST SALE!

Granulated Sugar, 18 pounds for \$1.00. Arbuckle's Coffee, 9 Packages for \$1.00. Good Roasted Coffee, formerly 15 Cts. Per Pound, now 11c. Good 20c. Coffee at 15c. Prunes, 5c. per pound. Rice, 5c. per pound. Star Tobacco, 40c. per Pound. Six Spools of Coats' Thread for 25c. Etc., etc., etc.

Now I Want to Tell You about my Large Line of Hardware and Farm Machinery!

I believe I have the Largest and best assorted stock of Hardware in Scott County. It is up to date. Cook Stoves from \$7.50 up. Nails, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per keg. Iron Bedsteads, Coil and Wire Bedsprings, Fence Wire, Smooth Wire, Cutlery, Guns, Pistols, Ammunition, Screen Doors and Windows, Screen Wire, Pumps, Pump Pipe, White Lead, Mixed Paint, Oil, Varnish, etc. Get a Wire Cot and keep cool. Anti-Rust Tinware--Guaranteed for three years.

Deering Binder Twine is Guaranteed to run further than any other twine Marketed.

Canvas Tax, Rivets, Bolts and Repairs for all Binders. Hay Tools, Rope for Hay-Carriers, Cultivators, Mowers, Plows, Harrows, Lawn Mowers, Mowing Blades, Wheat Cradles, and so on. Open early and late during the Harvest Season.

Come and see for Yourself.

A. BAUDENDISTEL, KELSO, MO.

A "HOT" CONVENTION.

Two Townships Not Represented At All--Harmony in Chunks.

Jackson Herald: Last Tuesday a young man by the name of Adolph Elsenbeuer, living about three or four miles northwest of Jackson, was plowing and in attempting to get on his mule his foot got caught in the traces, it seems, and the mule ran off and killed the young man. He was 21 years old.

Jackson Herald: The Cape Republican says that the defeated delegates in the convention could have had their say in the convention. That was what we wanted but the bolters' chairman would give no contested delegate the floor, he even would not recognize anyone who wished to talk on the subject.

At a dance about eight miles southwest of Sikeston, in New Madrid county, Grigg Woodruff shot George Blair and John Henson. Blair died. Henson was not seriously hurt.

While blasting near Neely's Landing Peter Diamond had his head blown off last week.

There Was Perfect Harmony.

At the Democratic township meeting in Benton Saturday there was harmony "to burn." At 2 o'clock, the appointed time, no one seemed to realize that it was convention day, and the chairman waited until 3 o'clock before entering the court room.

Heads were stuck out at the north, south and west windows and the cry went forth: "Come up, all you Democrats!" After considerable effort the men at the windows stopped to mop the perspiration from their faces and turned as if to stop, when it was discovered that but thirteen were in the room.

"Keep on! Keep on!" shouted one of the number, "we've got the unlucky thirteen. That won't do."

A renewed effort brought out two more, when it was announced that fifteen were present, and the convention organized with R. A. Kingsbury, chairman, and S. J. Wade, secretary. In order that perfect harmony should prevail the chairman was permitted to select the delegates, and he named the following: S. J. Wade, Chas. A. Leedy, R. L. Stubblefield, J. P. Norrid, Albert DeBelgen.

The question as to whether or not New Hamburg would be entitled to representation at the county convention was brought up. The chair ruled that the central committee had declared for township meetings and not precinct meetings, and that therefore New Hamburg would not be entitled to delegates.

New Hamburg held a meeting, however, and selected Vincent Heisserer and John Dirnberger. Mr. Heisserer came in Monday, and in order not to mar the "harmony" he was recognized by the convention.

During the proceedings a few more came in until there were twenty present. Of this number fourteen were either officials, ex-officials or deputies. It was a "representative" body, and the farmer was conspicuous by his absence. The farmer has had all the convention business he wants.

In the recent Democratic primary this township polled nearly four hundred votes. And, according to the rules laid down by the politicians, these four hundred voters are bound by the action of these fourteen officials and ex-officials and must "vote 'er straight."

Such nonsense!

The Little Ones.

"What are those, mamma?" asked the little girl as they stopped before a stall in the market.

"Horse-radishes, my dear," responded the stately woman with the basket.

"Oh! and the little ones coltrades, mamma!"--Chicago News.

Tax-payers, Read the Kicker.

Judge Fox was present and was UNANIMOUSLY

permitted to select his own delegates to the state judicial convention to be held at Springfield. Or, to be more correct, it was intended that the impression should go out that he was permitted to select his own delegates.

The Judge made a pleasant little talk, took from his pocket a slip of paper and read off the following names: John E. Marshall, Wm. H. Heisserer, C. A. Leedy. The Judge held on to his slip of paper and the Kicker man did not get to see in who's handwriting it was.

Although the convention had endorsed Judge Fox in its resolutions, and permitted him (or pretended to) to select his own delegates, W. H. Heisserer introduced a resolution to instruct the delegates for Judge Fox, M. G. Gresham, of Sikeston, (Senator Marshall's man Friday) didn't exactly understand this move and offered an amendment that the delegates be instructed to vote as a unit on all questions that come before the convention.

Now there was fun. This was a part of the program that had not been anticipated and consequently had not been "fixed." A show down was unavoidable and the result was 15 to 13 in favor of the Gresham amendment. And the Senator--united.

Just what was the object of the Heisserer resolution is not clear. It was carefully prepared and in writing. Can it be that Judge Fox doubted some of the men the "convention fixed" had slated for him to select as his delegates and therefore wanted positive and direct instructions? There seems to be no other reasonable excuse for the introduction of that resolution.

They "resolved" about the "time honored principles of the Democratic party," endorsed the state administration--Brown and all--and "pointed with pride" to their school fund--including their certificates of debt.

Joe Russell, of Charleston, who was present, was called upon and made a brief talk endorsing Judge Fox and wound up by telling his hearers to "stick to the party and vote 'er straight" next November.

Kelso and Twpawpaw townships were not represented at all. These townships seem to have no "loyal" Democrats.

Now, farmers, examine the list of delegates and see how many of them will represent YOU! Here are their occupations: John E. Marshall, banker, merchant and landlady; W. H. Stubblefield, banker, merchant and landlady; B. F. Marshall, banker, merchant and landlady; W. H. Heisserer, merchant and landlady; C. A. Leedy, merchant and landlady; T. E. Tomlinson, doctor and landlady; L. B. Williams, lawyer; J. H. Shelby, saloonist.

Where does the farmer come in? We do not mean the "farmer" that farms the farmer, but the farmer who tills the soil! He'll be expected to come in and "vote 'er straight" next November.

Notice to Printers.

The Kicker office will need an additional printer very soon. We would be glad to correspond with an all-around printer who is a rapid compositor. Must be able to give good reference.

PHIL. A. HAYNER.

Marriage Licenses.

J. M. Denbow.....Crowder
E. D. Stokes.....Crowder
Nesley Strayhorn.....Vanduser
I. B. Thomas.....Vanduser
B. Frank Moore.....Oran
Mrs. Ellen Matthews.....Oran
Jacob Taylor.....Blodgett
Sudie Stanley.....Blodgett

'ROUND-ABOUT.

Circuit court was in session Monday and Tuesday but nothing of importance transpired. The principal case to be tried was that of E. F. Bryeans vs. Pollard, Goff & Co., damages. The case was nonsuited by the plaintiff, because of erroneous service.

Posters are out announcing the M. W. A. picnic and barbecue at Oran on June 7. A parade of Foresters, horse-racing at fair grounds, dancing, and plenty of barbecued meats are promised.

Marshal Hollingshead, of Oran, brought John Stevens over to jail Tuesday for safe keeping to await the action of the county court, which meets next Monday. Stevens is detained.

New Hamburg had an enlivened appearance Sunday. Quite a number of children partook of their first communion and a large assembly gathered to witness the scene.

H. R. Williams and Emmett Keeling and Misses Estelle Evans and Rena Collins, all of Blodgett, drove to Benton Sunday evening and supped at the Walker house.

Children's day will be observed at the Hickory Grove church Sunday, June 8, with morning and evening services and a big basket dinner. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Lowelyn and daughter, Miss Marie Coffman, of St. Louis, were in Benton Monday attending to business in the probate court and visiting friends.

The shower last Monday was just enough to lay the dust and make it comfortable for those who had business in Benton.

Our New Hamburg correspondent is on a strike this week.

C. A. Leedy was at Fredericktown the first of the week.

Our Advertisers.

A. Baudendistel, at Kelso, has something to say to the readers of the Kicker in this issue. He desires to call your especial attention to his large line of hardware. Not only has he one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in this end of the county, but he has a line of hardware not equaled outside the city. He invites you to come and see for yourself.

B. F. Earles, of Morley, also tells you what he has to offer. Without a personal investigation one would scarcely believe that anyone in Scott county carried such a stock of furniture and other articles mentioned in his announcement as Mr. Earles carries. In his various lines he keeps a good supply to select from and has many things not usually found in other stores. Read what he has to say and remember him when in need of what he has to sell.

Anti-Saloon League Lecture.

Rev. M. W. Pinson, field secretary of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League, gave an illustrated lecture at the court house Tuesday evening. There was a good turnout, and the audience was treated to some very realistic scenes from his projectoscope. His illustrations of slum life in the cities were good.

Rev. Pinson said that while the ultimate object of the League was to suppress the liquor traffic, yet their present object was the enforcement of the law regulating saloons. The feature of his entertainment was the comparison of the pretence of the saloon and the product of the church. On the large canvas he would reproduce the pictures of children reared in the slums of St. Louis by drunken parents, and then show the pictures of the same children after they had been taken from the slums and cared for by charitable institutions.

Rev. Pinson left for Oran Wednesday morning and lectured there in the evening.

From Commerce.

We stand corrected and by our actions confess judgment from a moral standpoint of violating a statute for forty years, and may be assessed by retroactive application of said law to pay penalty for each violation of same for the past six months. So we think the best way would be for all to come forward and pay up--so we can prosecute the fellows that don't "bide, 'mind it?" Don't all be first, 'twould place several dollars in the school fund.

Died, on Monday morning, of ailments contingent upon age, at the residence of Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Caroline Ranney, relict of John Ranney, at the age of 82 years. Mrs. Ranney, who was well and favorably known, having lived in Scott county many years, leaves one son and one daughter, together with numerous grandchildren and hosts of friends to mourn her death.

The Peavine pile driver came in Sunday and drove piling at the south bridge, preparatory to rebuilding same--according the Sunday law.

Considerable rise in the river. No danger, however, except to those who were preparing to plant part of the river bed to corn.

Our school closed Friday, May 23, and same corps of teachers have been employed for next term.

Numerous friends from Sikeston, Benton and the Cape attended Mrs. Ranney's funeral Tuesday.

Contractor Ward has just completed a residence for Alex. Campbell on his farm below town.

Rumor says we are to have a new postmaster pretty soon, and a rural route, too.

Several of our citizens took in the excursion to Paducah Tuesday.

Miss Birdie Moore is spending the week in St. Louis.

Farmers, you can get hardware and machine supplies at Baudendistel's, Kelso.

From Graysboro.

It is rumored that the grading contractors will leave this week for Tennessee, pending a settlement between the bridge company and Mr. Houck. Mrs. E. N. Gray and daughter went to Cape Girardeau Monday on the little steamer Osage.

Will Bean has returned and holds the same position in the depot as before. The boys all like "Bill."

Quite a number of laboring men are at work here on the yard tracks. Mrs. E. N. Gray has returned from a trip to Fort Smith, Ark.

J. D. VanEtten and family visited at Benton Sunday.

Dr. Williams was here Sunday in consultation with Dr. Cantrion.

Henry and Albert C. Schutte leave this week for Colorado.

John Lyde has returned from St. Louis and is at work in the depot.

W. W. Carpenter is reported sick at this writing.

Mr. Farley is the new agent.

From Morley.

The St. L. & G. Ry has a new agent at this place, Grant Ragains having resigned on Monday.

The ladies of the Methodist church cleared something over \$12 at their ice cream supper Friday night.

Mrs. Tills Bucklin returned home Sunday from a three weeks' visit in Michigan.

B. F. Earles and W. F. Clayton had business at Benton Monday.

Fresh bread at C. Pearl Harris'.

Mrs. J. J. Hunter visited Sikeston relatives this week.

Mrs. S. P. Marshall, of Crowder, visited in Morley the past week.

F. Bryeans and Josh Mason went to St. Louis Tuesday.

Clarence Wellman, of Crowder, had business here Tuesday.

Will Gibbons and wife, of Oran, were in Morley Saturday.

From Oran.

The children's day services at the Bryeans school were largely attended and a pleasant day was spent. They served a sumptuous dinner and in such a quantity that there was sufficient left to feed several hundred more. Late in the afternoon they repaired to Caney creek where eight persons received the sacred ordinance of baptism.

Men arrive today (Wednesday) to begin work on the new Lemp building. It will be a fine brick structure, two stories high. Next in order is the new depot for the "Frisco." "Oran do boom."

Rev. W. M. Pinson, of the Anti-Saloon League, will fill Rev. Manley's appointment here Sunday, at 11 a. m. He is of the Baptist church. A good sermon is anticipated.

The Woodmen lodge of this place will give an old-fashioned barbecue on June 7th. Horse racing and baseball will be among the attractions. Everybody invited.

Married on May 21, 1902, at the residence of Mrs. Pearl Wilkinson, William R. Gibbons and Miss Nora McLeod, Esquire Peter Dirnberger officiating.

The hotel proprietors are making arrangements for many more boarders. They will be taxed to their utmost capacity to entertain all who come to town this summer.

The icecream social at the Bryeans school house was a success socially and financially. They netted about \$18.

Mrs. John Mier died Saturday and the remains brought to the Catholic cemetery Sunday for interment. Mrs. Mier was an old and respected citizen.

The store building of Stubblefield Bros. has been moved back and a large cellar dug, preparatory to having the new brick store erected.

The youngest child of Wm. Mobley died on the 25th inst., and the remains were interred in the Friends cemetery.

There were large crowds attending services at the Catholic church last Sunday. Quite a number made their first communion.

Miss Georgia Clemson, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Jones, at Commerce, the past week has returned home.

The flouring mill and grain elevator will be located in the Matthews addition--southern part of town.

The remains of Mrs. Sophia Skaggs, who died at Essex, were brought to Oran for interment last week.

Misses Agnes Offitt and Anna Belle Swin were guests of Miss May Klinger on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will make their home in future. They are at the Tenkoff house.

Miss Verne Harrison returned to her home at Bloomfield Saturday.

Miss Edie Hale is visiting friends at Caruthersville this week.

From Blodgett.

John Egram came down Monday morning with a broad grin on his face--and said it was an eleven pound boy.

Mrs. Ike Marshall, of Morehouse, who has been visiting here for several days, returned home Wednesday.

The R. F. U. organized a lodge at this place Saturday night with a membership of thirty.

W. R. Sherer and O. F. Goodin returned from Dawson Springs, Ky., the first of the week.

Rev. Pinson will fill Rev. Manley's appointment here Sunday at 8 p. m. Come out!

A child of Louis P. Gober died last week. He has our sympathy.

Dr. Guy B. Payne, from Anliston, was here last Sunday.

Mrs. E. H. Hess is visiting at Marquand this week.

From Kelso.

Some thirty children made their first communion here on Sunday. A large attendance was present.

Otto Dannenmueller and Landry Drury were at the Cape Saturday.

Leo Schneider is clerking in Baudendistel's hardware store.

Rev. Father Felm was at Jackson Monday and Tuesday on business.

Frank Hertzog, of Commerce, was here last Sunday.

Mrs. Baferty and daughter visited relatives and friends at Benton the first of the week.

Frank Sweeper is "tending bar" for A. H. Manta.

A girl baby was born to the wife of Mike Haggen Thursday.

Nothing Too Good.

Mose Johnson--Dat lintment you sold me did mah wife lots of good. Druggist--Why that was horse lintment! You said you wanted it for a horse!

Mose Johnson--Ah did mah; but dar ain't nuffin' too good for mah old woman, needer--Jus yo' understand dat!--Puck.